

Why a SMART Board?

Over a period of only two days, teachers from around the world were given the chance to explain (in 160 characters or less) why they think using a SMART Board in the classroom is so important.

Here's what they had to say:

- ***Seize and save a "teachable moment" as it happens, when it happens!***
 - ***Every student is engaged. Every learning style can be addressed in activities. I have more time to focus on material because it is so easy to create and edit.***
 - ***After 21 years of teaching with an overhead projector EVERY DAY, I have wheeled it into storage. Kids and I LOVE to discover new things we can do!***
 - ***Transforms teaching. Beginners take to it easily and kids are on task and interacting with the curriculum in meaningful ways.***
 - ***After more than 20 years in the classroom it has changed the way I teach. It is exciting to renew your professional life***
 - ***The software is so easy to use and makes great lessons. The kids love getting the chance to manipulate it and it's great for small groups and whole group.***
 - ***I teach at a University. Students though SmartBoard was for elementary use. They can't wait to get to class to see what they will experience next in class.***
 - ***Notebook 10 gives educators the necessary tools to design interactive lessons.***
 - ***No better way to engage students AND teachers than using SMART Boards in the classroom. Such a powerful tool for teaching and learning! Kids "get" it!***
 - ***SMART Recorder alone serves as an effective tool for lesson warmup and review.***
 - ***The kids become a part of the lesson.***
 - ***Students are actively engaged. Smartboards allow teachers to meet the different learning styles of all students :) Best of all, students are motivated to learn***
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- *All students are motivated by the SMART Board.*
 - *SMARTBoards bring interaction and manipulatives to the whole class! Notebook 10 tools coupled with Web 2.0 resources provide optimal learning for all students!*
 - *For the first time ever, teachers who use SMART Boards feel like they are the ones controlling the technology in a way that empowers them to be better*
 - *i think it's the best way to be creative and engage and be passionate about what you do*
 - *I love my new smart board! It looks so professional, and is a fantastic way to integrate technology!*
 - *Makes learning more interactive and engaging for the students. PLUS, gives students a chance to go up and create or add to their learning at the Board.*
 - *Smart board and 'brigit' allow sharing between classrooms*
 - *I have been modeling how to instruct Intensive Intervention Elementary Students in various classrooms. The teachers can't believe how engaged the students are!!*
 - *I love the fact that we can have a brainstorming session, write everything down, and then I can save it, upload it to the internet, and then they have it all!*
 - *Smartboards allow me to interact with students on a more individual basis in and out of the classroom and they are great collaboration tools*
 - *I have taught for a long time and nothing has revolutionized my teaching as much as the Smart Board. It is an invaluable tool that I would NEVER give up!*
 - *SMARTboard allow teachers to be more creative while saving time because everything is right there. Students love it and are engaged from bell to bell.*
 - *FANTASTIC for Math--applications in that curriculum area alone are almost endless!*
 - *Kids love it. active engagement everyday.*
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- *It can address multiple learning modalities and when a student's body is engaged with their mind it makes for meaningful learning.*
 - *it allows students to be actively involved in their learning and allows teachers to facilitate.*
 - *The ability to project images and create stories is perfect for world language teachers as it gives kids the visual support they need to comprehend Spanish.*
 - *Teachers can still be in front of the classroom in the traditional style but can bring a whole comp full of resources to their classrooms for more engaging learning*
 - *They are a fantastic way of saving lesson notes for revision etc. I find that the students really love to contribute - they see their own notes - then pdf*
 - *Not only is it a motivator for students who love to share the "marker", it is a motivator for me. I love creating interactive lessons for my students!*
 - *Interactive! Visual! Engaging! Students can not merely sit in a desk passive, they must walk to the board and interact with it.*
 - *Smartboards totally engage students and allow them to take an active part in their learning. I love that it brings more creativity and excitement to my classes!*
 - *IWB allows students to manipulate content. "What if..." questions become routine.*
 - *Terrific way to engage students, especially visual learners. The Gallery in Smart Notebook is invaluable.*
 - *I think back the first time I saw a child interact with a SMART Board and just how the world seemed to open up for her right there.*
 - *Teachers are able to access the wealth of free resources available to help students learn visually and interactively. Resources can be found and actually used!!*
 - *The SMART Board and Notebook software empower students to be in charge of their own learning in relevant, engaging, and immediate ways!*
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- ***It allows students to truly "touch their learning"! (Teachers: vow to get the students out of their seats.)***
 - ***I like using the SmartBoard as a huge touch screen for my students who have multiple disabilities. It is extremely flexible and engaging.***
 - ***Instead of just talking about a video clip I saw on the news, I can bring it up and SHOW the whole class and they feel more involved and in control***
 - ***they're fabulous for kids visually working their thinking through.. Collaboration between classes, displaying our wiki, utilizing web 2.0 sites..***
 - ***SmartBoards actually transform instruction, even experienced teachers. Visual/kinesthetic captures attention (incl ESL) and invites participation***
 - ***It is how kids think and learn! My students are more engaged than ever before!***
 - ***Interactive white board : traditional teaching :: using word processing software : using a typewriter. Same ideas, same elements, superior manipulation.***
 - ***I am able to teach whole group (circle time) much faster with everyone engaged! Endless possibilities for learning!***
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